



# U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 3 Lower Darby Creek Area Superfund Site

Delaware and Philadelphia Counties, Pennsylvania

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## CLEANUP PROGRESS CONTINUES

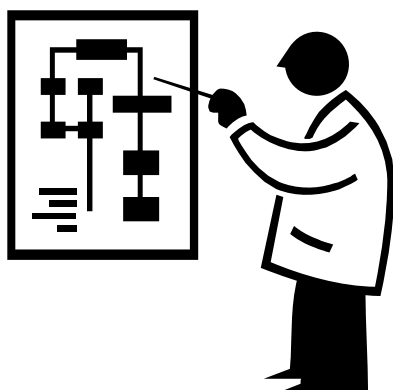
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to make progress at the Lower Darby Creek Area Superfund Site (the "Site"). The Site is located in Philadelphia and Delaware Counties in Pennsylvania. The Site encompasses two landfills – the Clearview Landfill and the Folcroft Landfill.



### Sampling Completed at Clearfield Landfill

The Clearview Landfill is located in Darby Township along the eastern bank of the Darby Creek near the border between Philadelphia and Delaware Counties. EPA recently completed environmental sampling at and around this landfill. The soil, surface water, ground water, sediment, and air were sampled to determine the nature and extent of contamination associated with this landfill. In addition to the landfill, the adjacent city park, Darby Creek and Cobbs Creek were also sampled.

EPA is currently working on a Human Health Risk Assessment and an Ecological Risk Assessment for the Clearview Landfill. A Risk Assessment evaluates the risk posed to human health and/or the environment by the presence of specific pollutants. EPA will use the information gathered from the sampling and risk assessments to develop the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study Reports for the Clearview Landfill. These reports will be used to develop cleanup alternatives, which will be presented to the public for comment before EPA selects a cleanup strategy for the Clearview Landfill portion of the Site.



### Remedial Investigation being Conducted at Folcroft Landfill

The Folcroft Landfill is part of the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge in Philadelphia, which is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). Last year, EPA signed a legal agreement with a group of fourteen Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs). The agreement requires them to perform a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study for the Folcroft Landfill. Sampling began in January 2007 and is ongoing. Samples of ground water, surface water, air, soil, sediment, and leachate will be collected. The PRPs are performing the sampling, with oversight from EPA and FWS.



The sampling data will be used to develop human health and ecological risk assessments for the Folcroft Landfill. The risk assessment, together with the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study Reports, will be used to develop cleanup alternatives for this landfill. The public will then be provided an opportunity to comment on the alternatives for the Folcroft Landfill before EPA chooses a remedy for this portion of the Site.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION



For additional information about the Lower Darby Creek Area Superfund Site, please contact an EPA representative:

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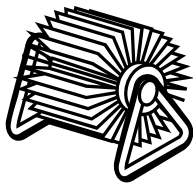
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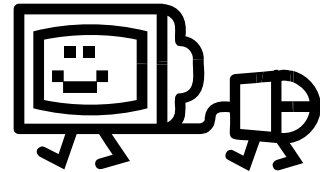
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### **Technical Assistance Grant Program**

EPA's Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) Program provides funds of up to \$50,000 to qualified citizens' groups affected by a Superfund site. The grant allows the recipients to hire independent technical advisors to help interpret and comment on site-related information. A TAG was awarded to the **Darby Creek Valley Association** related to the Lower Darby Creek Area Superfund Site in May 2005.

**For more information, please contact Dr. John J. Furth at 610-220-3939.**

### **Site Related Information is also Available Online:**



Go to the following website:  
[www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/super/pa.htm](http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/super/pa.htm)

Then follow the link for  
"Lower Darby Creek Area."

### **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Update on the Lower Darby Creek Area Superfund Site**



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